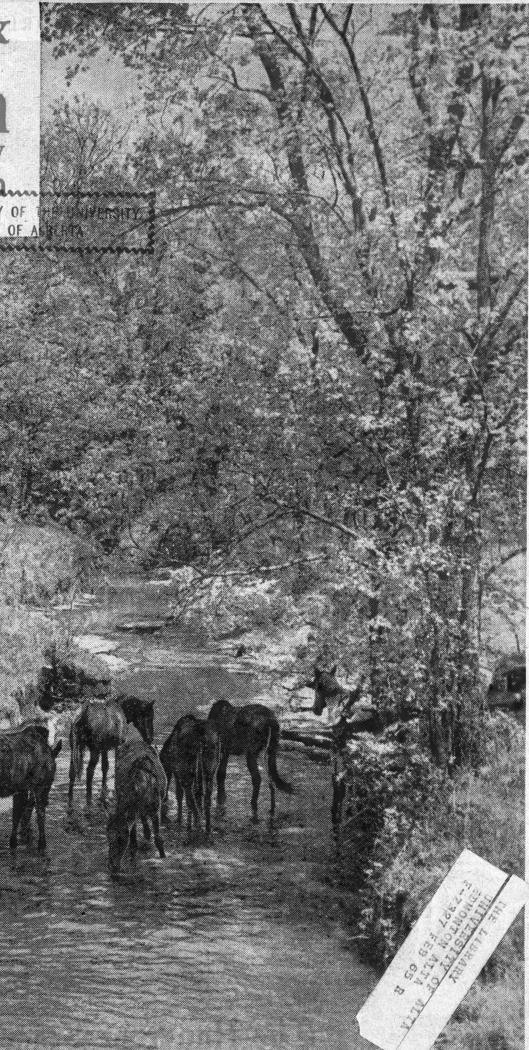
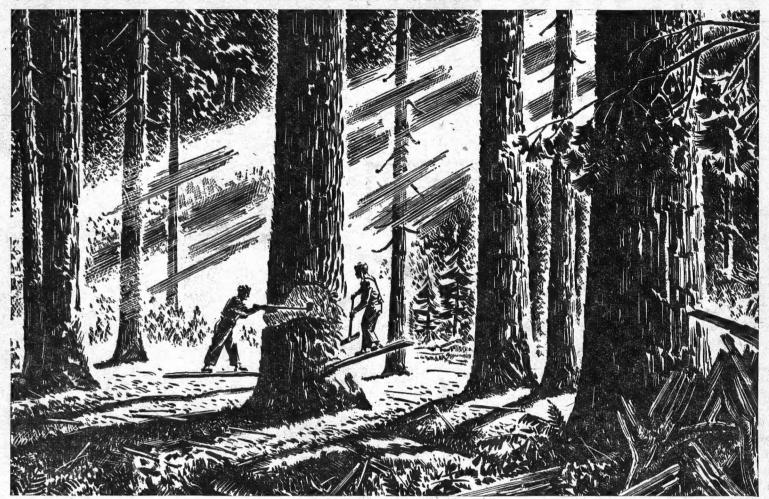
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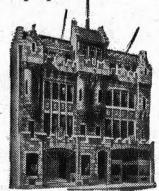
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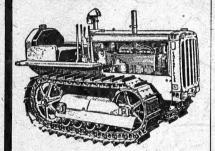
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The Farm and Ranch Editorial Page...

The gains were substantial from the Anglo-Canadian agreement

THE refusal of the British Government to enter into another agreement to buy wheat from Canada is surely a crushing answer to the critics of the Anglo-Canadian wheat agreement.

If the agreement had resulted in such huge losses to Canadian farmers that the critics allege, we would have expected the British to be eager to negotiate another deal. After all, if there were these losses they were gains for the British. The refusal by the British to conclude another agreement means (a) that they do not believe the first agreement worked to their advantage, and (b) they believe they can buy cheaper wheat by not having an agreement.

It is surely saying a good deal for the common sense of Prairie wheat producers that they were not taken in by the antiagreement propaganda of the futures market advocates. After all, this propaganda did have some specious appeal. It was simple to take the price of the British contracts, compare it with Government-supported prices on the Chicago Board of Trade, or with Class 2 wheat, and argue that Canadian farmers were being swindled. But Canadian farmers, who learned economics the hard way, are not easily hoodwinked. They had only to ask themselves a couple of questions and the case of the open market advocates collapsed in a heap.

What, for example, would Canadian

farmers have received for their wheat if there had been no wheat agreement, no allocation of Marshall plan American dollars for Canadian wheat, and if the British had instituted bread rationing?

The existence of the Wheat Agreement enabled Canada to get Marshall plan dollars, money provided by the American taxpayers, for Canadian wheat. If there had been no agreement, the odds are that the United States would have allocated much less to Canada, if indeed it had allowed any U.S. dollars to be used for buying Canadian wheat

From a long-term point of view, the greatest gain of all for Canadian farmers from the agreements was their prevention of bread rationing in Britain. Despite shortages of other foods, bread was always available in quantity for the British people. Instead of getting into the habit of eating less bread, a habit that could have become permanent, they ate lots of bread.

People who talk about the law of supply and demand with such glibness seldom point out that demand, to be effective, must be backed up with ability to pay. If you don't have the money, and can't establish a line of credit, you don't buy because you cannot buy. That was the position that Britain was in and from which it was rescued by the Marshall plan. Even with the agreement, it is doubtful if the British could have

financed the purchase without the Marshail plan. The alternative to having American taxpayers feed the British was to have the Canadian taxpayers feed the British. And how long would a non-farmer Canadian Parliament have been prepared to add \$300,000,000 a year to the Canadian taxpayers' burden for the benefit of Prairie wheat producers?

Due to the continuing dollar shortage, the British have been forced to reneg on their commitments under the "have regard" clause in the contracts. They will make no payment now as compensation to Canadian farmers for the low price of wheat in the first two years of the contract. But as this agreement was between the British and Canadian Governments, this can hardly free the Canadian Government from its liability to the producers.

The Marshall plan was not only devised to get Europe back on its feet. It was a programme by the Western democracies to halt the spread of Communism. Wheat was very definitely a weapon in the cold war. Every bushel of wheat that went to Britain played its part in strengthening its economy, in helping to stop the spread of communism. In addition, because the čost of the wheat was kept down, other material could be supplied out of Britain's dollar pool—eggs, cheese, bacon, manufactured goods of all kinds. Without the British wheat contracts, the Sterling market for Canadian manufactures might well have disappeared long ago.

In all justice, the Canadian wheat producers have a case. When wheat is used as an instrument of national policy, the cost of such policy should be borne by the country as a whole, not saddled onto the people who produced the wheat. That is the heart of the matter, the foundation of the case of the West for a payment by the Canadian treasury in compensation to wheat producers under the "have regard" clause in the British Contracts.

Why no P.F.R.A. pastures in Alberta?

SLOWLY but surely the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, the P.F.R.A., is changing the face of Saskatchewan, economically as well as physically. In the last 15 years, it has taken over 1,278,000 acres of farmed-out, eroded, near desert wasteland and transformed it into Community Pastures that are now carrying 60,000 head of livestock. And in Manitoba P.F.R.A. pastures now encompass 160,000 acres carrying upwards of 9,000 head. But in all of Alberta, which prides itself on its great livestock industry, there is not a single P.F.R.A. pasture.

Well, why not? It seems to us that the people of Alberta are entitled to know what is behind this curious omission in a most valuable programme. That these pastures are of immense value to farmers of Saskatchewan and Manitoba cannot be doubted for a moment. For the nominal fee of 50 cents per animal per month, they can run their cattle into the Community Pastures in early spring and round them up and market them in the fall. Indeed, it is usually possible for them to sell them right on the pasture. And for this small charge, the Government not only pays all the costs of taking care of the cattle but of maintaining its pastures as well.

The lack of community pastures in Al-

berta becomes particularly apparent to anyone familiar with the Special Areas in the eastern part of the province. There is no more fertile land anywhere in Canada than will be found in the Special Areas. It lacks only water to make it highly productive. Because rainfall is both sparse and uncertain, its original settlement by homesteaders was a tragic mistake. Everybody recognized that many years ago and as early as 1923 governments became engaged in moving people out. Today it is one vast empty space through which you can drive for miles without sign of human habitation. Yet across the border in Saskatchewan no better land than this is carrying great herds of beef cattle.

The question that cries out for an answer is this: How much new wealth could be produced every year in the several million acres in the Special Areas if it were turned over to the P.F.R.A. for constructive development.

There is endless speech-making in Alberta about the glories of the future if the Red Deer river can be developed for power and irrigation. But if a start was made on this project this year it would be 10 years before the farmers would be getting irrigation water onto their land. The Community

Pasture, on the other hand, is something that can produce results almost immediately. Crested wheat grass planted in the fall will be well on its way to making a pasture this time next year

Stock watering dams constructed this summer will have water in them for livestock next year — unless we get a repetition of what has happened on Berry Creek for the last two years. For the first time on record, there have been two successive years in which the spring thaw went into the ground. No water was caught. Not even the P.F.R.A. Community Pastures can guarantee water or feed in this area. But it can assure producers of good livestock production in eight out of ten years. In those years stocks of hay can be built up to take care of the bad years.

Moving the homesteaders out of the Special Areas was a good first step. But it should only have been the first step. After it should have come a regrassing and rebuilding programme that would have made it what its should be today, a highly productive livestock area. Instead, the area was filed and forgotten. It will apparently remain filed and forgotten unless somebody can be provoked into providing an anwer to this riddle: Why this curious passing over of Alberta? Is the P.F.R.A. Community Pasture department being barred from operating in Alberta by definite provincial government policy?

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It's easy to waste money and reduce your profits from livestock

By NORMAN FLANDERS

NOBODY is in business for his health, these days. That applies with equal force to farmers who raise livestock and the packers who buy and process meat. But talk to a skilled buyer in a walk through the livestock pens and you begin to wonder what some farmers have in mind when they are raising beef cattle. Certainly not in getting the most money for the least expenditure on feed.

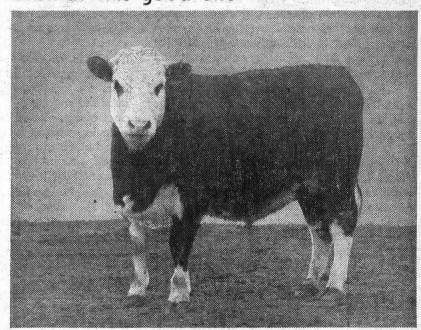
Indeed, the evidence is easily

bull. Enough to make him a holy terror in a feed lot or in a packer's pen. The buyer knew for a certainty that its presence in the pens would be reflected in bruised and damaged meat on other animals. So he sought to protect his profit by downgrading him several notches.

Mind Changers

Far too many steers in this category come from dairy herds or crossbreds. That is taken as an indication that some farmer apparent that some livestock decided to raise a bull calf in-

Look at this good one — -



This choice steer sold for 271/2c per lb. and weighed 1,090 lbs. Note the short legs, well-filled brisket, good head, filled-in loin and rump which make for a good dressing yield. Photo by Burns & Co. Limited, Calgary.

producers go to a lot of trouble - tact, and then changed his mind. and expense to guarantee a lower return for their labor. That makes no sense to the cattle And neither does the fact that they can talk themselves out of breath and make no impression at all on the farmers who ship them cattle.

That doesn't apply to the top ranchers. It does apply to far too many smaller farmers who raise beef as a sideline. Let's take a look at a pen of beef cattle, through the eyes of the buyer. Over in the far corner there is some confusion among the critters.

"There," says the buyer with considerable indignation, "is the worst nuisance on the grounds!" He points to a bull-headed steer. When that animal arrived, his price automatically dropped perhaps five cents a pound. Why?

Too Late

This was a bull calf whose castration had either been late or done badly. Delayed castra-tion meant that cords had formed and had not been remov-The operation left the calf 90 per cent steer and 10 per cent

Having done so, he did not take the time to be sure to remove the cords.

Yet even then, the farmer could have been money ahead by sending the steer off to the packers as a vealer. Actually he would have received almost as much cash in hand for a vealer as he ultimately did for an alleged beef steer. And he would have saved five months or more feed.

Packers do not pretend that they don't make a profit from these refugees from dairy herds. But if they got nothing but good quality beef steers they'd be very happy indeed. They price the culls so that they can make a profit on them. That means that their prices for culls have to be much lower than for the best grades, though it costs a farmer just as much to raise one as it does the other.

"Look at those two white-faces over there. One has a short back, square top line, and lots of meat on those quarters. Now compare it with the other: long backed, poorly filled and a skimpy rear. When we buy a steer like the first one, we have a choice of markets. He can go to the States, or to the Coast or be killed here and make the kind of carcass the butchers like and will pay for. But nobody wants the other kind of beef.

The curious thing about these examples is this: Some farmers consistently through the years ship loads of the top quality stuff. And other farmers, just as consistently, ship inferior quality year after year.

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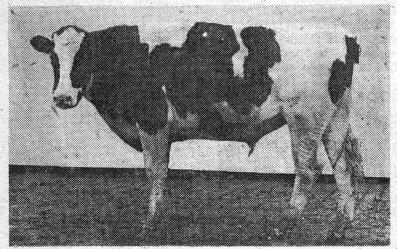
25 cents I get maybe 18 or 19. I've been talking to my neighbors and most of them say the same thing. Now you tell me, is there any such thing as a choice steer, and, if so, what does he look like because I don't ever seem to have any!"

A Challenge

That's a challenge. The packer will likely react like this: He'll assign one of his expert buyers to the customer. They Nothing would delight the will go on a tour of the yards.

The farmers own stock may be packers more than if the pro- on hand and he can be shown just where they are good, com-

Now look at this bad one — —



The above steer brought 18c per lb. on the Calgary market. Note the following detrimental points: Long legs; too much bone; long in neck; lacking in brisket; no fill on loins or rump, all these give a poor dressing

ping so many poor ones and started shipping more good ones. But from the vantage point of the cat walk in the stock-yards, the work of really improving the quality of our beef has rarely begun.

What can the average farmer do about it? Well here is one suggestion: Let him drop into a packing plant the next time he is in town, and say something like this:

"Look, mister, I want some information. Why is it that in the livestock prices I get over the radio they say that choice steers are bringing 25 cents. That sounds good to me. So I bring in a load and instead of

pared to others, and where they are inferior. If he doesn't live too far away, the chances are that the packer will have someone visit his farm and look over his herd for him.

Or, if he is allergic to packers, he can get all the advice he needs from the nearest agricultural representative.

The point is that it costs no more to raise the best than it does to raise the worst. But too many farmers even today fail to recognize that fact. If, as and when a pinch comes, they are going to be the ones who will be pinched hardest where it hurts

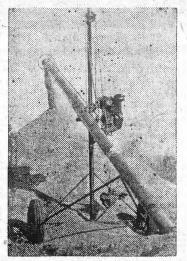
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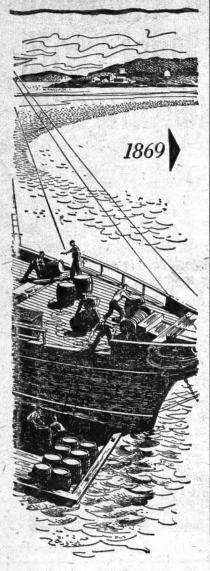
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The process simply is that of digging eyes out of potatoes and selling them to individuals who grow potatoes commercially or just for their own use.

Jumping into that branch of

Development of the potato eye business since then has been aided by cheaper postal rates, parcel post, airmail and air express and lower express rates on the railways.

Potato eyes are just that — eyes of potatoes with a ball of potato flesh around each one.

Recovery of the eyes from the original potatoes is a simple matter. A special tool, similar to a cheese baller is used. operator just takes a potato in one hand, the "eyer" in the other, makes a couple of twists



F. P. "Dusty" Howell, left, and Jack Pawson of Estevan, show the technique used in "eyeing" potatoes from their large stock of certified seed.

commercial seed supply business two years ago, the two men have built up their trade to the point where they now supply more potato eyes than any other seed firm in the province.

According to Mr. Pawson, an enthusiastic successful and Souris River Valley irrigationist, the seed potato eye business is not exactly new in the province although he believes he and Mr. Howell have added a few new angles of their own that have helped send their business sky-rocketing to its leading position in such a short time.

Treated potato eyes, in sets, are becoming increasingly important in the seed potato trade of the prairies mainly because they can be distributed widely at comparatively little cost.

A bag of seed potatoes can travel only a short distance before the hauling charges equal the total value of the potatoes. The eyes taken from the same - and they will bag of potatoes produce an equal crop-can be mailed, air-mailed or expressed far greater distances at a fraction of the cost.

That deduction was made some 40 years ago by the firm that started the potato eye business. By sending potato eyes only, they were able to sup-ply, from eastern Canada, set-

of the wrist and there is another potato eve.

An eye is about one inch in diameter and the size of the original potato does nothing but possibly determine the total number of eyes that can be recovered from it.

Because a potato eye, as originally cut, has a large surface of the flesh exposed to air and therefore subject to deterioration from fungi, bacteria and loss of moisture, it has to be treated.

Methods used to overcome this in the past have not been entirely satisfactory with the result that potato eyes often did not produce good yields.

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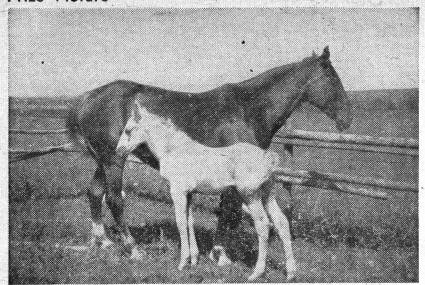
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Mrs. Sam Thompson of Mackay, Alta., has aptly named Goldie's palomino colt Golden Nugget.

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does not delay the growth when the eyes are planted.

They also have developed a new method of packaging their eyes that further insures them reaching the customers in "fresh cut" condition.

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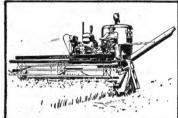


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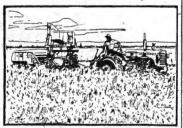
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The Widow Swallow raised her brood

By KERRY WOOD

MIGRATORY birds return from the southland every spring, build nests in Western Canada and incubate their eggs, feeding the hatched fledglings until they leave the nests and fly south again when summer ends. To the casual observer, it's as simple as that. But while we must avoid reading a human reason into bird behavior, joy and grief play their parts in every nesting drama. For example, take the case of the Tree Swallows who nested in a birdbox within full view of my office window a few years ago.

Such swallows return to our Central Alberta district around the first of May, and for a couple of weeks are intermittent visitors to the nesting boxes. At first the males seem far more interested in bird-boxes than the drab females. By mid-month the swallows fight furiously for possession of desirable nesting homes, one pair finally winning the box so conveniently in view. On the 21st of May the female started to carry grass, fragments of feathers, and pieces of string into the nest. The male string into the nest. The male helped a little, but the female did most of the construction work and was soon satisfied. Tree Swallows cover the bottom of a bird-box with a scant halfinch of lining material and consider it fully furnished. On the morning of the 22nd the nest was ready for use, whereupon the male took up a sentinel position on a light-wire above the box while his lady was busy inside. Egg-laying had started.

The laying period lasted about seven days, with a serious interruption on the fourth day when the Lady came screeching from the nest to fight off a Hussy who was attempting to win the affections of the glossy male bird. The Hussy was a determined female, so the Lady had to fight her no less than five times during that busy period. The egg-clutch was finally completed: six eggs, one proving sterile. During this time the paired birds did not fly far from the bird-box at any time, taking turns at guarding box and contents against all intruders.

Tragedy struck on May 30th. Shortly after dawn the English Sparrows invaded the garden, two cock birds attacking the male swallow. He attempted to defend the bird-box from inside, but the sparrows ganged up on him and when he poked his head out of the opening the invaders pecked out the swallow's eyes. The stricken bird tumbled from the box and died on the ground underneath. By this time my anti-sparrow weapon was out, a .22 loaded with shot-cartridges, and the pest-birds were driven off to leave the widowed swal-

She stayed close to the nest all morning, obviously missing her gallant mate who had her guarded the home whenever she flew out after food. Three or four times she left the box, but flew only ten or fifteen feet and then veered back when she realized her mate was not present to stand guard. She stayed tight on the nest until evening, when she went on a feeding flight above the garden but restricted her patrol to areas within sight of the box. This became her habit throughout the incubation period.

The young hatched on June 14th. The widow made six food flights that morning, carrying insect fare back to her fledgings. She warmed them with her body during the middle of the day when a storm came, resuming the food gathering at evening. At first the young ones were easily fed, the widow spending considerable time in the nest brooding them.

Hunger Fighter

It was a different story ten days later. By June 25th the young were audible more than fifty feet from the nest, chittering every time the mother entered the box bearing food. She was terribly busy, searching for food all the daylight hours from then on. During ideal weather conditions she was able to find food and return to the box with it every three minutes, spending no more than five seconds in the box except every fifth or sixth trip, when she took time to gather a beakful of droppings from the nest floor to carry away.

Timing her food flights, I speculated on the mileage covered by a feeding Tree Swallow. During the long days around the end of June the widow averaged better than 15 hours a-wing every day at the swallow-speed of 20 miles per hour, totalling 300 flight miles per day in search of food! Modify this food-flight time from the start of the swallow season until the young leave the nest and fly away, I discovered that each Tree Swallow flies about 5,000 miles after food during this 70day period. Mosquitoes make up the bulk of swallow food. If we allow them the conservative catch of 2 mosquitoes per flightmile, then each Tree Swallow must destroy around 10,000 mosquitoes or other insects during the summer nesting period spent in Canada.

But this is ahead of the story. By July 2nd the young birds were poking their heads out of the box's entrance. Their clamour was continual. The hungrier a young bird, the louder its. chirpings: this conveniently regulates the feeding procedure for the parent. The hungriest bird making the most noise always won the widow's attention and received her beakful of in-

low in lone possession of the sects. Food makes a young bird sleepy and silent, thus giving other hungry birds a turn-about chance at the mother's offer-

Cats and Hawks

She had occasional distractions from the food-gathering chore. Twice a sharp-shinned Hawk came into the garden, promptly chased out again by every adult Tree Swallow and Purple Martin and Robin on the premises. Another time a cat climbed up onto the swallowbox and tried to insert a paw through the opening: the widow's alarm note, plus the catof nearby Robins, alarm brought me on the run and soon the cat was running, too. Other Tree Swallows were a frequent nuisance to the widow when they visited her box, while she had a daily tussle with Wrens and Sparrows.

However, most of the time she busily collected food. three-day rainy spell caused the family serious concern, the widow having to spend twenty minutes on each bedraggled food-flight to find any fare during that wet period when few insects were flying. young became pitifully hungry, too weak to stay up at the entrance hole. When sunshine returned on July 6th, the mother was able to find food at threeminute intervals again and her youngsters robustly regained health and happiness as they gobbled every beakful.

An odd thing happened on July 7th. An immature Tree Swallow fluttered into the yard and managed to reach the lightwire perch near the widow's box. He was an exhausted bird, but revived after a half hour and began begging for food every time the widow flew past en route to her box. Finally this Orphan flew over to one end of the box perch, where the Widow pecked at him a couple of times. But she soon got used to the young intruder and an hour later began feeding the Orphan -much to the annovance of her own family, hungrily watching from the entrance hole. The Orphan stayed on the box-perch all day, relishing his share of the Widow's fare.

On July 9th the swallow family started leaving the nest. The desperate hunger of the young birds seemed to force them out of the box, fluttering after the busy mother to beg for more food. The first evacuee landed on the ground, staying there half an hour and being fed at intervals by the harassed Widow. Another member of the family managed to flutter up to the light-wire where the adopted O phan was perched. evening the box was deserted, with young swallows roosting on poplar trees around the edge of the garden. Only the tired Widow slept in the bird-box that night.



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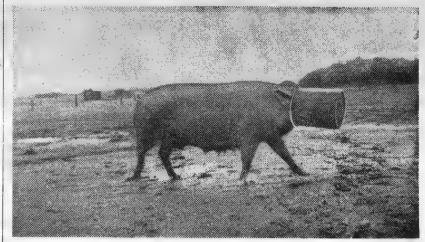


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Delores Roose, Camrose, Alta., caught this novel picture of a sow that ran into trouble trying to lick the bottom of a feed bucket.

What is behind the Canada-U.S. Battle for water

By C. FRANK STEELE

WATER is becoming an increasingly vital question in North America as sources of supply are being stretched to meet growing populations and increasing agricultural and power needs. So acute has water become in the southwest that Southern California has studied the possibility of drawing supplies from the Columbia River. That may sound fantastic but it has been talked.

As the Columbia rises in Canada and flows into the United States this country enters into the picture as it does in other water issues including the battle now in progress for the flow of the Waterton and Belly rivers in Southwestern Alberta.

These international streams rise in the mountainous region of northwestern Montana and flow into Alberta. It is the Waterton-Glacier park area. Canada and the United States are seeking the waters of these rivers, Canada for the St. Mary Milk Rivers Development which will bring another half million acres of semi-arid lands under irrigation, the United States for the 130,000 acre Upper Marias project in the Shelby area of Montana.

Waiting Judgment

Recently hearings were held in Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, and in Shelby and Havre in Montana, when the case for each country was presented. The case now rests with the commission and it is expected some adjudication will be made on the water in dispute later in the year. Early action was urged by farmers, stockmen Early action was and others appearing before the board.

Both Montana and Alberta sought the water from these rivers — Montana for an equitable and "beneficial use" basis division and Alberta for all the water. It was held that the water was necessary to the continued growth and development the agricultural economics of the two countries.

also the federal spokesman including Montana Sen. James E. Murray that basic in the solu-tion of the problem is the right of the United States to waters originating within the United States. The state of Montana made a similar argument. Supporting this was the further claim that given this water it could be put to beneficial use on the dry lands of the region. There is a definite need in Montana for this water said the governor. Other witnesses supported this view. Montana wants a fair share of the flow which rises in that state but does not rule out Alberta's downstream rights in view of the considerable use part of the flow of the Belly river has already been on the United Irrigation project at Hullspring and Glenwood and other projects in the southwestern corner of the province.

It was argued that if Montana is not given an equitable share of this water it will turn definitely to what is called the 'All American Plan" which would divert the rivers at their source and by tunneling through the mountains transport the water to the lands of three border counties. Gov. Bonner called for the "use of Montana water on Montana lands" but asked that the historic "Good Neighbor" policy be followed in a fair division with a joint arrangement be with a joint arrangement between the two countries whereby the water given Montana could be channeled through Alberta to Verdigris coulee reservoir northwest of Milk River othence south across the line into the Upper Marias irrigation block at Sunburst, Montana.

The Tunnel Threat

The open "threat" of the tunnel route by Montana witnesses should the commission fail to reach an amicable agreement on a division basis was scouted in some quarters. It would mean a 20-mile tunnel costing fabulous sums ranging up to an estimated \$400,000,000 for tun-Montana contended, as did nel and dams. The dam would



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rise 700 feet. However, Sen. Murray said that the U.S. bureau of reclamation has surveyed the scheme and considers it feasible. He said there is enough water in the Belly and Waterton to irrigate 139,000 acres of land if diverted on the U.S. side. He urged an allocation of the water in dispute to the mutual advantage of both

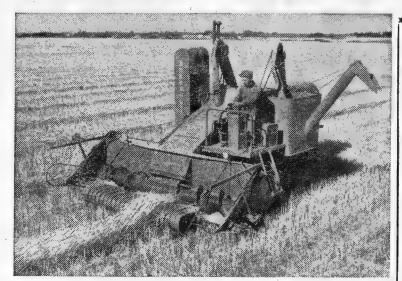
Canada's case was ably presented. The flow of the streams was asked because it was needed to carry out the full recla-mation program in the South Saskatchewan water basin in Alberta and to some degree Saskatchewan, particularly the SMRD. Ben Russell, director of water resources for the prov-ince, Edmonton; W. L. Foss, resident engineer of the P.F.R.-A. at Lethbridge, and other experts said the program would be seriously curtailed if this water was lost. Some projects were already using Belly river water, huge sums have already been spent in building the St. Mary dam at Spring Coulee now nearing completion and other allied works including the East Pot Hole Coulee dam at Mag-rath. Water from the SMRD would be carried as far east as Medicine Hat giving over half a million new acres an assurance against drouth.

The main course of the Belly and Waterton is north into Canada which establishes a water right by nature. The lands here are ideal for irriga-The tion, the country is well settled and a wide diversity of crops can be raised. Moreover, the SMRD would create an assured "breadbasket" in the joint U.S.-Canada defence program in the north in the event of another war, it was held, and should Montana cut off the water supply Waterton Lake would become a stagnant pool with muddy banks. It would be ruinous to the popular national park, Supt. H. A. DeVeber said.

At Lethbridge, the utilization of the Columbia River that rises in Canada and discharges into the U.S. in the Grand Coulee development was brought forward. These waters "are being used at the point where economics and good sense suggest they should be used - at Grand Coulee". The waters of the Belly and Waterton rivers flow north into Canada. We would suggest that these waters should be used at a point where economics and good sense suggest they should be used-in Southern Alberta,' said H. G. Long in the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce brief which he presented.

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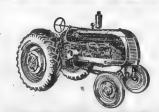
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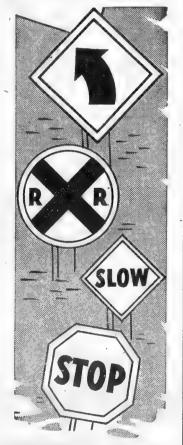
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Norman, Audrey and Robert Glass may not have caught anything, but trying to snare gophers was fun anyway. Mrs. T. Lodoen of Fox Valley, Sask., caught them in the act.

Bird-watching is fun on our prairie farms

SO heavy has been the response of our readers to our request for reports of unusual sights that we are getting snowed under. It would have been possible to fill most of this issue with "I Saw . . ." episodes. Instead we have opened a new page feature specially for boys and girls. It will be found on page 25.

As many of the reports are duplicates of others, we've had to adopt a rule of choosing the one that reached us first. In the nesting season so many interesting items were sent in that we decided to gather a whole batch of them together on this page. One thing that intrigues us is the number of reports of crippled birds. How do these birds lose legs or feet anyway? The usual cheque for \$1 will go out to all these contributors.

"I Saw . . . "

. I saw a magpie making a ol of our dog. The dog tried fool of our dog. to keep her away from a pile of intestines that we let out of a butchered hog. She'd fly low and the dog would run after her and when she'd be a few yards from the pile with the dog right behind her, she'd fly back to the pile and the dog would come racing right after her. This kept up for about half an hour, and finally the dog gave up, panting for breath, laid down a few feet from the pile, looking very sorrowful, while the magpie had her fill and flying away just seeming to say, "Well, I'm seeming to say, smarter than you."

Mrs. Nick Hamaluk. Rochester, Alta.

... Of the many gulls picking up insects behind the tractor and tiller, I noticed several with one leg missing and a few with both legs missing. Just a reminder of the grim toll taken on these birds by the pike of Eagle

Doug. Rathwell. Namaka, Alta.

Last summer I noticed a blackbird with its mouth wide open, and making queer sounds. In a minute another blackbird flew down. He put his bill in the other one's mouth, then pulled it back. Again he did the same thing, this time he pulled out something that looked like a grasshopper which he promptly ate. The other bird shut his mouth and flew away. I turned away surprised and wiser on the ways of nature.

Mrs. Verne Johnson: Aylesbury, Sask.

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. Last year a canary's nest with a false bottom. There was in the real bottom a sparrow's egg and one canary egg. On top of this was another good strong bottom. The canary laid more eggs on top of this and raised her young ones. This year she is back again but is making her nest in the caragana hedge where the sparrows can't reach her, instead of the lilac bushes where the sparrows hang out. Smart wee bird, eh!

Mrs. G. Snaith. Box 187, Bassano, Alta.

. A robin, with legs but no feet, sat on the woodshed flat. Preening herself, listening to our conversation, looking now and then so friendly. She through with her toilet and then rested 12 or 15 minutes so satisfied. Then she flew away and landed beside a feathered young robin, gave a few knowing looks and she flew away. Back she came with her mouth full of worms. The youngster stood on his wobbly legs, mouth open for a hand-out; he got it. Mother's day was on.

Mrs. E. V. Stephens. Box 929, Salmon Arm, B.C.

one day while coming home from town I saw a piece of meat lying in the ditch. A number of crows were eating the meat. One crow was sitting on guard on a pole. When he flew down to the meat another crow would take his place. This way they would all get a share of the meat and still could watch for any danger.

Peter Wiebe. R.R. 1, Box 41, Giroux, Man.

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Looking out my upstairs window the other day I saw a sparrow having some trouble trying to balance on the hydro wire. On watching it I discovered it only had one foot, the one leg was only a stump, twice the size of the other leg with no sign of a foot.

Mrs. Harry McTaggart. Bex 50, Dunrea, Man.

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door, looking for material to make its nest. It saw a piece of store cord about thirty inches long. It gave a quick look, to see that all was clear, then caught the cord, about six inches from one end, folded it three or four times, making a long cord easy to carry.

Mrs. W. R. McNichol. Birchview, Man.

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... One very windy day a farmyard hen perched precariously on a matted clump of Russian thistle floating in the pond. With much flapping and squawking she managed to manoeuvre over near enough to the edge to reach safety by means of some more thistles.

Mrs. Sam Miller. Box 44, Palmer, Sask.

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bringing some water to the house and saw two robins on the clothes line. There was some string that the wind had unravelled and wound around the line. The two birds were real busy trying to loosen it and paid no attention to me, so I stopped and watched. They chirped and

tugged: first one, then the other. At last Mrs. Robin succeeded and flew off. They've made their nest on a harrow draw-bar which is hanging under the roof on the garage wall.

Mrs. John M. Stepchuk. Box 168, Mundare, Sask.

box one day for the mail man. I discovered a bird's nest in the box, so sat down and watched two bluebirds on the telephone line, then on the fence post, then finally they flew into the mail box.

Mrs. Charlie Brayford. R.R. 1, Manor, Sask.

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bringing the cows in I noticed a car stop on the road. I then saw the driver take a shot at a quiet old hawk sitting on the fence. Miraculously he wasn't hit, but was so angry he flew around and around me telling of the outrage.

Mrs. Robert Kerns.

Wimborne, Alta.

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... While fencing in our pasture I saw a Mallard duck nesting in an old crow's nest, in a poplar tree, over twelve feet off the ground.

John A. Seivewright. Parkman, Sask.

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... A very friendly blonde sparrow, almost honey color last summer, drinking water out of our tank at the teacherage. When the water was low it chirped very loudly until I'd set a pail or dish of water for it.

Mary Zetaruk.

Birmingham, Sask.

dishes near a kitchen window I saw two male sparrows fighting. They would fight for a while then lay down and rest. Many times I thought they were dead, but they'd get up and go at it again. It lasted the best part of an hour until a female came in the scene and stopped them.

Frances Borle.

Belvedere, Alta.

First come, first served!

Many of our readers will notice a marked similarity between these items and the ones they sent in. Since this collection was sent to the printer, items have come in from more than 300 other readers. More than 100 of these were reports of birds and their nest building antics. We don't want to discourage observant readers from playing this "I Saw . . . " game with us, but save for very rare sights indeed, we think the subject of birds has been well covered now. What else have you been seeing, lately?

And speaking of pictures, please no more shots of children riding cows, pigs or sheep. In one batch of mail half the pictures we got were of boys and girls sitting on farm animals, which, incidentally, does the animals no good. Again, we'd like to emphasize this about our picture contest. Once we have run a picture of a certain subject we cannot run another. What counts most with the Farm and Ranch is originality, clarity, and interest in pictures. Too many of our readers have been disappointed because we have returned pictures of their children that were poorly posed and too cloudy for reproduction.

THE EDITOR.



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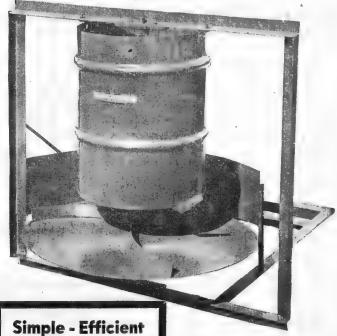
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A Creditable Record.

The Alberta Wheat Pool has recently sent to Pool Elevator agents cheques covering patronage dividends for member deliveries to Pool Elevators in the 1948-49 crop year. Member patrons have also been credited with a patronage dividend paid in Pool reserves. Ownership of the Pool rests with the reserves.

The 1948-49 payment is as follows:

Cash \$406,000
Pool Reserves \$813,000
Total distribution out of 1948-49

Pool Elevator earnings ____\$1,219,000

Long - Time Record

Since Alberta Pool Elevators started business, patronage dividends have been paid to member patrons as follows:

Cash \$4,295,222.98
Reserves \$4,335,003.73
\$8,630,226.71

Reserves Situation

Between the years 1923 to 1928 Pool members contributed \$8,467,000 in cash to build and operate Alberta Pool Elevators.

In recent years the Pool has been buying back such reserves from older members.

The total redeemed to date is \$5,300,000.

Such purchases of reserves are redistributed to current patrons of Pool Elevators in the form of patronage dividends.

ALBERTA POOL ELEVATORS

A Worth-While Alberta Farmer-owned Co-operative

From British Columbia the news is consistently bad

By A. J. DALRYMPLE

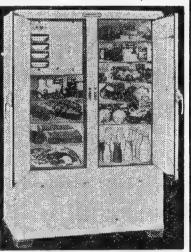
IT would indeed be a grand and glorious feeling to sit down and write good news every day, but life does not work out that way, and this month for the most part, the news is not so good.

Severe winter caused sickening damage to orchards in the interior. The spring was late. That did not help the growers of early potatoes. Hot weather in mid-June started the heavy runoff. Potato lands in Pemberton were flooded; and on June 19, it was touch and go with the dykes in the Fraser Valley.

The situation in the tree fruit area was described as an "emergency" by B.C. Fruit Growers Association meeting in Kelowna. Reports showed that peach trees were killed in various districts. Apricots and cherries were hard hit. Pear trees were seriously injured. Prune trees were badly damaged in the north particularly. Newton, Rome Beauty and Delicious apples were badly hurt.

Losses, based on last year's prices, may run from \$8,500,000 to \$10,000,000 this year, according to officials. They stress however, that it it still too early to assess complete damage. In fact it may be several years before the extent of the damage will be known.

A. K. Loyd, president and general manager, B.C. Tree Fruits Ltd., gives the following break-down:



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Kamloops apple orchards were particularly hard hit with estimated damage running from 85 to 100 per cent; Salmon Arm 36 per cent; Vernon 10 to 45 per cent; Winfield 5 to 25 per cent; Kelowna five per cent; Peachland and south to border 5 to 10 per cent.

Oliver and Osoyoos suffered 90 per cent loss to soft fruit trees.

Federal and provincial governments have been asked to help rehabilitate the fruit growers on a similar basis that aid was given farmers in Fraser Valley during floods of 1948. A government program for dead tree removal and a replanting scheme have been suggested.

The Boundary Bay early potatoes were away behind. These border growers moved into a nice, sheltered spot a few years ago when they found they could beat some other regions into the popular early market. This year Mother Nature turned her back. Late spring, and killing frosts nipped the tender sprouts, with the result, the latest potato crop on record.

Sam Spetifore, one of the most successful farmers in the district, has harvested as early as May 2, but generally around May 24. This year the season went into June. In the meantime, of course, the American stuff came in.

Berry Trouble

Fraser Valley berry lands suffered from winter injury and late spring. Cold weather prevented plants from making normal progress. The crop which was expected to go 6,000 to 6,500 tons may be down to 5,000 to 5,500. American buyers have been in the valley contracting for fresh strawberries for processing at good prices, and substantial tonnage was sold to those buyers.

Attention to seasonal crops, such as berries was mentioned in Commons recently by Hon. James G. Gardiner, who observed that a Vancouver corporation had made progress in cold storage facilities.

On investigation, I found that he referred to B.C. Ice and Cold Storage Co. Ltd., and I went down and looked over their two plants; one for fish, and the other for farm products, berries, meats, eggs, poultry. Buildings are separate to offset odors.

This company employs the cold wall principle, invented in 1917, but tardy in being put into action. B.C. Ice and Cold Storage say that they are the first and only firm to use the system.

There are ducts in floors,

Prize Picture



The small boy with the big paint brush is John Kennett, grandson of Mrs. T. J. Reid of Kamloops, who won \$3 for this picture.

ceilings, walls, so that the temperature is exactly the same in every part of the rooms. They claim to reduce dehydration and therefore loss through shrinkage for the person who stores products with them.

They claim too, that by storing perishables, they make a 12-month season out of what would be a short marketing period.

The Newcastle disease in poultry is somewhat brighter this time. Up to June 19 however, 211 flocks had been destroyed by government order. On that date there were three flocks under observation near Abbotsford, and three on Vancouver Island.

Dr. F. W. B. Smith, health of animals branch, said the disease was on the wane. Four veterinarians called from the east to help eradicate the disease, had returned to their posts; and two more would leave shortly.

Cost to the government, paying compensation, will run more than \$300,000.

G. L. Landon, B.C. poultry commissioner, has returned from a trip into the interior, and from Penticton and Kamloops regions, finds no decreases in the Okanagan. Fine crop of pullets being raised this year. No Newcastle disease, and conditions in the industry appear satisfactory.

B.C. government reports an increase in acreage of vegetables as compared with 1949, with the exception of potatoes, tomatoes and cabbage. There has been slight reduction in these three items.

In the Okanagan there are 186 acres of asparagus; 330 of dried beans; 1,275 acres of peas and 287 acres of miscellaneous garden vegetables.

There are 101 acres of pumpkin; 275 acres of cucumbers; 241 acres of carrots in Lumby-Vernon districts; 1,295 acres of tomatoes; 83 acres of lettuce in Armstrong and Enderby; and 318 acres of cantaloupes in the southern part of the valley.

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Still more readers reaction to Kerry Wood and the .22

Doubts effectiveness of licensing the .22

Dear Sir:

I fully agree with everything Mr. Kerry Wood has said in regard to the .22, but I don't think he made his suggested regulations severe enough.

Instruction in the correct handling of firearms, their potentialities for good or evil, etc. should be taught where the youngster gets his other instruction . . . in school; and in view of the fact that many people who should know better regard the .22 as little more than a toy, such instruction should be commenced by showing the penetrative effects of the .22 bullet.

I have said that I fully agree with Kerry Wood, but I will amend that statement a little. Whether the rifle should be licensed by means of a \$5.00 carrying license may be a debatable point, and though I, personally, have no objection to such license I fail to see where it would do much in the interests of safety.

I certainly think that every-one who goes afield with a rifle should have a carrying certificate; that this certificate should be issued by the Provincial Govt. and that before it is issued a most exacting examination be passed.

To deter those who might feel inclined to evade the regulation a fine of \$500.00, or six months in jail (or both) might meet the case.

Such regulations should apply equally to the man (or boy, or girl) using a rifle on his or her own land. Bullets travel a long way beyond the confines of the average farm in many instances, and the fact that a person owns a piece of land does not give them the right to



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Yours very truly, L. M. Kilmister

Silton, Sask.

Bad manners and the .22

To the Editor:

We gladly accept your invitation to express our views on Kerry Wood's article, "The Kerry Wood's article, "The Menace of the 22 and What Can Be Done About It.'

With all due respect to Mr. Wood, who ranks high as an authority on matters relating to the great outdoors, we strongly disagree with any proposal to curb the freedom of the individual and divert him from the sport of shooting by the imposition of licenses, registration, and such other trappings of the police state. By means such as are proposed by Mr. Wood, and by restricting hunting to the privileged few, many European countries found, on the outbreak of war, that few of their citizens knew how to defend themselves. Those who did were neatly listed in police and government files so that the occupying powers knew iust where to search for hidden fire-

We prefer to regard this as a problem of bad manners. Now, good manners cannot brought into being by laws. Good manners, in our homes and in business, are the result of training by our parents, our teachers, and our youth leaders. Bad shooting manners result from lack of proper teaching.

We are fortunate that in our rural communities there is no lack of public-spirited men, Scoutmasters, R.C.M.P. officers, Community Recreation Leaders who, if asked, will organize classes in rifle instruction. Many such clubs exist, and where they do there has been a virtual elimination of the bad shooting manners that Mr. Wood so rightly deplores. Even more important, there has been a marked reduction in accidents caused by "I didn't know it was loaded."

It is significant that, during the 18 years of our existence, not one of our many hundreds of members has been responsible for a shooting accident on the range or in the field.

Let us recognize this problem for what it truly is: one of bad manners and ignorance. Youngsters just naturally like to shoot. Let's see that they are given the opportunity under proper supervision. You, the farmers and ranchers of Canada, can help by letting the youngsters of your community set up a safe rifle range on some unused bit of land.

-D. D. Robertson, President, Canadian Civilian Association of Marksmen

To the Editor:

For my part I would have the .22 rifle forbidden. It is the cause of all our bird life being destroyed. A shotgun makes too much noise and gives the birds a chance, while a .22 is silent and chicken and ducks stand for two or three shots before flying, and our small birds jump from limb to limb until hit. A lot of our second best birds, the crow, have been shot off, and now we are paying for it in the millions of dollars. Crows are the great grasshopper eaters, digging up the eggs on the summerfallow in the spring. Saskatchewan got rid of the crows and got the grass-hoppers. Manitoba did the same and is now spending thouhoppers. sands on poison, all through the .22 rifle. The ten to twenty-fiveyear-olds are the ones that shoot anything.

A Farmer.

Austin, Man. *

Kerry Wood is all wrong!

To the Editor:

In regard to Kerry Wood's comment on .22 rifles, I would like to know where he gets his statistics. In 47 years of my life I have heard only twice of animals being shot by .22 bullets in my district.

But I have known a few boys that would shoot mail boxes, windows and chimneys, but why punish all people on ac-count of a few boys that could be taken care of individually.

Another place he is far from right is of passing a law to use only shotguns, only on the fly. Did he ever think how a boy and most of other people could buy shotgun shells by the case and shoot in the air to get nothing? We who read his article are inclined to think that Kerry Wood is a rich amateur shotgun, sharp-shooter, who would like to keep the game for himself.

Another place he is slipping is about very little vacant land. In this country there is plenty of vacant land which we do not need more than the ordinary hunting license to hunt, and there is no domestic animals there to hit by accident, and if the .22 rifle was banned for good what would become of our vermins? Go after them with a shotgun? Nonsense!

I have shot thousands of .22 rifle shells and never hit anything unintentionally that I know of, so, please, let me have my .22 rifle.

-Arthur Racine. Picardville, Alta.

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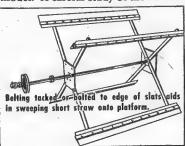
Pays To Check Harvest Machines . . . Early

machines, it will pay to look over all plenty of time.

Combines and swathers have many working parts, well before starting fast moving parts, in which there this year's harvest. Costly field delays may be considerable wear in a harvest may be avoided, as needed repairs season. Even in well cared for may be ordered and installed in

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How To Align Cutting Bar

be removed by adjusting the trusses and angle irons which support it and tie it to the back wind board. In case angle irons. Worn knives and ledger this does not remove the sagging, the cutting bar may be jacked up on also play a part in doing a good blocks until it is in a straight line.

The cutting bar, with its guards and It may be necessary to put weights sickle, should be in a straight line on the high sections. Then, when from end to end. Sagging can usually proper alignment is reached, it can be removed by adjusting the trusses usually be maintained by again mak-

Other Things To Check

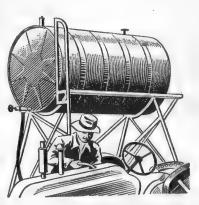
How To Make V-Belts Last Longer

should be loosened, as prying the bearings. If any grease is smeared belt over the edge of the sheave with on, it may be wiped off with a rag a bar will often rupture one or more moistened in gasoline. However, of the cords. All belts will stretch belts should not be dipped in gasoline when new, and this initial stretch should be taken up promptly and tension checked often in the first few days. Otherwise slipping and burning will occur, cutting down the life of the belt. More belts are ruined from lack of tension than from excessive tension. Occasionally a belt is found to have rolled or turned. This is caused by lack of sufficient tension or improper installation. The condition of the sheave flanges has a bearing on belt life. If they are spread apart or mutilated, the belt will not give satisfaction. Try to keep grease

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Prize Picture



This is Sonny Striegler of Vanderhoof, B.C., having fun in Stuart Lake. His mother, Mrs. Lee Striegler snapped this picture.

Liks roses? These are best for prairie gardens

HARDY shrub roses are a group of plants that are able to survive prairie winters with a minimum of injury, and bloom satisfactorily each summer.

In this group are found the hardiest of all roses known and many of them are capable of making a striking display in mid-June followed by colourful fruits and foliage that compensate in a large measure for their lack of continuous bloom.

They are best planted as single specimens in small garpleasingly associating with shrubs in natural arrange-They should not be inments. cluded in formal plantings or their effectiveness will be great-ly diminished. Where large areas are devoted to their cul-ture, groups of three or five plants of one species or variety are more effective than single specimens.

Of all the hardy species none commands greater attention than Rosa Altaica. This is beyond question the hardiest exotic species known. It is of a kindly disposition, not at all fastidious as to site or soil, never failing to open the season of rose bloom with an abundance of creamy white flowers. These are freely produced on graceful stems and followed by large purplish-black fruits that persist through winter.

Altai rose reaches a height of eight feet, tolerates a little shade, enjoys a sunny spot, revels in deep loamy soils, endures and remains healthy for years, in fact is one of the most accommodating and handsome roses we have.

It is useful as an informal hedge providing no attempt is made to trim it closely. It should be allowed to grow naturally within the row so that it may flower unrestricted. Pruning will take the form of cutting out all old wood to the base immediately after the plant has done blooming. It is not necessary to carry out this operation each year, about every third year is recommended.

Closely related to the Altai rose but dwarfer in habit and embracing a wider range of colours is the Scotch Rose — (Rosa spinossissima). It is reliably hardy and grows to three feet. Healthy plants are covered with whitish flowers while some forms have double blooms and others pink.

Father Hugo's Rose (Rosa hugonis) is rather tender for prairie plantings but rose enthusiasts will not begrudge the extra care and protection given in order to have it flower regu-It has large sulphuryellow flowers that are freely on graceful arching The foliage is elegant, borne stems. bright green in colour and stems and spines are a reddish

Winter Cover

Recommended winter covering is long straw wrapped around each plant in mid-October, after the plant has received a good soaking of water. Given this protection all will be well with it in most winters, however. Occasionally, winter however. injury will be severe in spite of all we can do and measures to restore the plant to health and strength will consist of cutting all growth back to about a foot above ground level.

New growth will quickly cover the scars and develop into a mound of pretty foliage by season's end.

Miss Willmott's Rose, (Rosa Willmottae) is tall growing (6-8 ft.) has ferny, roundish leaves, and deep, rosy-red flowers. It is very effective for landscape planting. In severe winters some tip killing may be expected but a little spring

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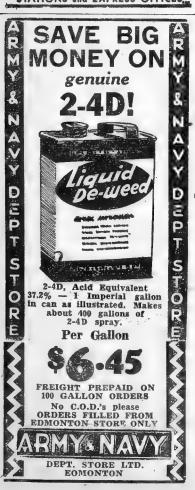
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pruning will put matters to rights.

Harrison's Yellow is well known and is the most reliable hardy yellow rose for prairie gardens. It has two rows of petals and is often referred to as semi-double. Flowers are freely borne and are shining golden yellow. Foliage is heal-







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Turkestan Rose, (Rosa laxa) grows to six feet, has white flowers freely produced, followed by large scarlet fruits that add to the plant's value as an ornamental.

Japanese Rose, (Rosa rugosa) is a vigorous hardy shrub, and is attractive in a bold sort of way. Flowers are magentarose in colour; leaves are dark green and rather coarse; stems are spiny and strong. Many hybrids exist between rugosa and other species as well as garden roses. Some are rather tender and suffer considerable winter injury in bad years.

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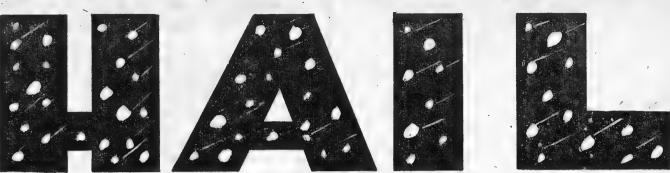
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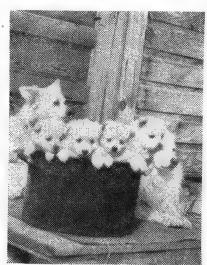
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PRIME Minister St. Laurent has inaugurated a new procedure in international relations which no other Canadian prime minister has ever dreamt of using. On three occasions in the past year, he has appealed to the American public, over the heads of Congressmen, on issues that faced the U.S. Congress and that concerned Canada. Were an American president or British prime minister to come to Canada and do the

Mr. St. Laurent tries plain talk over the head of U.S. Congress

BY BEN: MALKIN

same thing, there is no doubt but what many Canadians would protest violently.

Last October, Mr. St. Laurent told an audience in Troy, that American policy made it almost impossible to achieve standardization weapons between Canada and the United States. Canada could not buy American weapons unless the U.S. bought Canadian war equipment. But an American law, which Congress refused to amend, prohibited the purchase of defence equipment by the United States if the same materials could be manufactured in the U.S. At that time, he suggested that Congress find a new approach to defence purchasings on a reciprocal basis.

On June 6, in St. Louis, Mo., he discussed the preservation of freedom before an audience at St. Louis University. He expressed clear disapproval of the trend of the anti-Communist campaign in Washington. He pointed out that it was one thing to oppose the policies of government leaders, but quite another to question their good faith and loyalty. Moreover, he deplored the tendency to fight the Russians by descending to their methods.

Then on June 11, in a speech at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., he said that Canadians were becoming "rather impatient" with the delays in the U.S. Congress in connection with ratifying the St. Lawrence Waterways agreements between the United States and Canada.

On the whole, Mr. St. Laurent's speeches were well received. His St. Louis address, for example, was favorably commented on in the Washington Post and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, yet it is something entirely novel for a foreign statesman to go to the United States and tell the American people what policies Congress should follow on certain issues. It indicates how strongly Mr. St. Laurent feels that some Congressmen, at least, are thoroughly irresponsible, and by their actions are not improving the good relations existing between Canada and the United States. The friendly reception he has had in the U.S. indicates that the American public, by and large, agrees with him in his assessment of some of their Congressmen.

Trouble in Europe

The British government took early steps to make its position on the French proposal for pooling Western Europe's iron, steel and coal resources abundantly clear. The French wanted them to agree to the principle of the pooling arrangement before the details had been

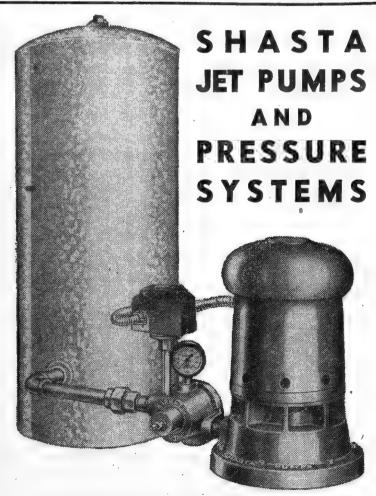
worked out. The only detail proposed, at first, was that the pool should be run by an authority that would be above any national government, and would take orders from no one. The British government argued that it could not enter such an arrangement. Before it agreed to anything, it wanted to have the terms of the deal spelled out.

The British government was severely criticized both abroad and at home for this attitude. It was accused of being isolationist and of seeking to bar European unity. Nothing cou'd be farther from the truth. About 45 percent of Britain's industrial products contain some content of steel. Steel and coal combined are Britain's major industry, and the foundation of her economic power. If Britain were to enter a European pool run by a super-national authority, Britain might find its production curtailed and Continental production expanded.

"It might have to contend with serious unemployment, and a decline in industries depending on steel. True, the French say they are taking the same risks. Yet Britain, which is responsible for the economic well-being of the whole sterling area, for it is banker and machine shop to that area, cannot afford to leave its economy at the mercy of outsiders. The British government seems on strong ground in objecting to acceptance of the principle of the plan, without knowing precisely how it is to work.

Much of the criticism of Britain, particularly from the United States, seems a little overwrought on this point. What, for example, would the Americans think of the United States itself entering the pool, without knowing how much steel the U.S. would be allowed to produce, or whether it would have to depend on Germany and France for its steel, and what the price would be? The American reaction, upon receiving such an invitation, would probably be very similar to Britain's.





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Mrs. E. L. Gramson. Box 20, Delisle, Sask.



Returning home from school, I took a short cut through our pasture and came upon a badger hole partly hidden by tall grasses. There a mother duck had made her nest and was setting in a strange upright position. I peered closer and then I saw the reason. A large garter snake had wound itself about the duck and nest, and with head upraised was staring into the duck's eyes. I was startled and called to my sister, who was with me, come quickly. Neither duck nor snake, I'm sure, saw me until I called, then the snake quickly unwound itself and scurred away, the mother duck dazed flopped across the meadow and into the grain field. Incidentally we killed the snake.

Barbara MacDougall (age 14). Carstairs, Alta.

Two magpies build their nest in our back yard. After the nest was completed, I thought I would break it down, and when I climbed up to it, I

noticed our cat up there with three baby kittens. She had taken it for her home.

Box 187, Markinch, Sask. * *

On May 17th I was getting hay from my uncle's place and right there in the haystack sat a wild duck on a nest with nine eggs in it.

Bernice Meichel.

Jake Wolfe. Box 429, Winkler, Man.

A few weeks ago a friend and I saw seven or eight beaver on the creek. They had cut down trees and put dams across the creek in many places. These dams made the water rise so high that it almost overflowed the highway. It is a very interesting sight to watch them at work. If you make a slight noise they scamper away. isn't very often you see beaver in our district or anywhere near

Margaret Lawrason. Box 38, Czar, Alta.

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As my little five-year-old brother and I were walking out to our magpie nest we saw a queer sight, a Mallard duck hen sitting in a crow's nest. I climbed the tree and she flew off the There were seven duck nest. eggs in it. Now we are anxiously watching it so we can find out how she is going to get her ducklings to the ground.

Bobby Furman.

Meeting Creek, Alta.

It was exactly 12:40 when our big clock at school stopped.

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I was the first one to notice it, but said nothing. A while longer the teacher heard the train coming in and then glanced at her watch. She looked sort of puzzled, then replied, "Gosh! the train must be early today". She then looked at the big clock on the wall, and found that her watch and the clock had stopped exactly at the same time (12:40). She said that this sure doesn't happen all the time.

M. Ewashen.

Box 150, Nanton, Alta.

...On May 2nd I was going to the road with a rabbit in his school along a heavily wooded mouth.

road when I saw, about 30 feet

Lorraine Nelson. in front of me, a coyote crossing

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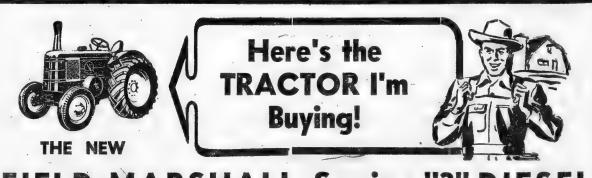
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Aunt Sal Suggests . . .

July is not my favorite month, There's dust and flies and

But let's make use of some bright hint,

As each new day we greet.

WE all have days when we feel we do a lot of work: we even have times when we feel we are overworked . . . and then we hear of someone else who does so much more than we do that we feel like crawling off into seclusion and never raising our weak voices again. That is the way I felt lately when I received a letter from a rural lady in B.C. and she gave me some of her recipes that entailed such effort that I was aghast. One of the recipes was for everlasting yeast (it didn't differ very much from the recipe I quoted in last month's column), but it was followed by a second recipe for making DRY YEAST. That was the recipe that made me gasp at the idea of anyone going to all that work! Here it is anyway. Even if you (like me) never plan to use it, I think you'll agree it makes interesting reading anyway.

Bring one pint of buttermilk to a boil then cool. Soak one fast rising yeast cake in ¼ cup water and add to the butter-milk. Thicken with cornmeal. Cover and let stand 3 or 4 hours. Using two tablespoons as measures fill each with this mixture and press, together. (The 2 tablespoons filled make enough for one yeast cake.) Shape this amount in round or square shapes, pressing to-gether very firmly. Leave in cool place to dry, turning each day until thoroughly dried. Put them in a net bag and hang in a dry place. (If not dried through they will mould) . . . And there

Just reading about it makes me tired so let's run over some easy tricks while relaxing in the shade with a cool drink.

Many of you live far from a store that stocks prepared soft drinks all ready to open and drink so it is a fine idea to have some of your own ready. Here is one I like very much and there's no super-effort required get it ready either.

Combine these: 10 cups sugar, 6 lemons, rind of 3 lemons, one oz. Epsom salts, 2 oz. citric acid, 1 oz. tartaric acid. Pour 3 pints of boiling water over this. Cool, strain and bottle.

For almost countless years we've been quoting that silly saying about there being no use crying over spilt milk. Of course if you haven't learned that you must dip a milk-soaked cloth in cool water rather than "setting" the stain in hot . . . then maybe you will be tempted to weep a bit.

Here is a new style remedy for removing ink stains from white material... Mix dry mustard and water into a paste (as for mustard plaster), lather it onto the ink stain and leave for about half an hour then sponge in cold water.

We all know to our sorrow that prevention is better than cure ... and incidentally it is a whale of a lot easier, too! for instance a scorch stain on Father's best white shirt. If that happens one had better look for a new home . . . or else. I was pleased with the easy hint that a friendly reader sent to me recently to help prevent scorch.

Add one tblsp: white vinegar to one quart of starch. Isn't that easy?

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The Dishpan Philosopher

WITH summer holidays begun our young folks sure are having fun. They ride and swim and dash about, and also do some helping out, for in the country work and play are all mixed up from day to day. From picnics they bring home rich loot in quarts and quarts of ripe wild fruit, and sometimes a nice mess of fish that makes a very welcome dish. In haying-time they seem to find a job exactly to their mind. And now and then, of course, they go to play some ball or see a show. I can't begin here to review the things these youngsters find to do.

I sometimes think, to tell the truth, how fortunate is rural youth. Their schools may not be up-to-date but they'll discover, soon or late, of living they have learned a lot that in a school can not be taught.



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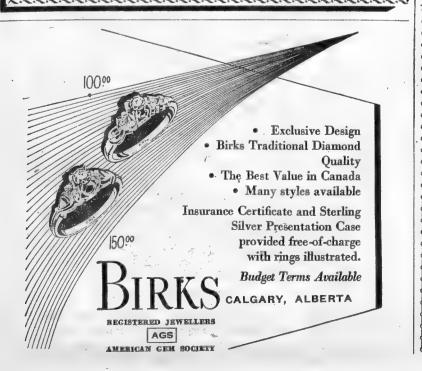




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SUMMER days will bring their full quota of tasks... among them the annual canning chores. The first question to reach my desk this year on this phase of work was this:

Question: I have heard that Epsom salts can be used as pectin in the making of Jelly and jam. I would like to have this on the record so can you give me the recipe? — (Mrs. A. S. T.,

Raymond, Alta.)
Answer: This recipe I'm quoting to you was originally designed for raspberry or strawberry jam, but you can of course substitute other fruit pulp for it. Here it is: Place 4 cups of fruit pulp and 7 cups of sugar in preserving kettle. Bring to full rolling boil then add 1 tblsp. Epsom salts and boil for 3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir for 15 minutes. Bottle and seal.

Question: (Repeat.) anyone know what firm now makes knitting machines that were put out formerly by Creelman Bros. I need new needles for my machine.—(Mrs. A. E. B., Camp Creek, Alta.)

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Question: Do you know of any way to remove initials that are applied with white paint, from a suitcase without injuring the leather?

(Mr. J. S., Lethbridge. Note: Men are not exempt from this column.)

Answer: Here is one well recommended method . . . apply vaseline on painted stains then follow up with a brisk rubbing with a cloth saturated with turpentine which will remove both vaseline and paint together. Follow this with a washing with saddle soap and rub dry.

Question: I made a feather comforter stuffed with duck feathers and now I discover that the odor of "duck" has clung very tenaciously to it. How can I deodorize it without taking it apart? - (Mrs. K. P., Warner, Alta.)

Answer: Now I have not tried out this remedy I'm going to quote, but, in a very old book, I ran across this weird combination: Combine one ounce each of these, camphor, alum and sulphur ... Place in cheesecloth bags and roll up inside the quilt until this new odor has pene-trated the feathers . . . then hang outdoors on a windy day, but in the shade. (I'm wondering if the new odor would be much improvement on the unwanted duck smell!)

Question: I am new at housekeeping on a farm and want help with butter making. How sour should cream be to make good butter? Can you combine different creams? Is it advisable to add baking soda to the last water when rinsing the butter?—(Mrs. G. C., Taber, Alta.)

Answer: I sent a private letter to Mrs. C. and advised her to write to Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa, for bulletins on butter making, for I've had little experience myself. I also passed on some hints I've collected from women who are old at the game. I would appreciate letters from some of you. That last question about using soda water to rinse butter intrigued me. I'd never heard of it, have you?

Question: What is "Passion Fruit"? I saw it in a recipe for Chiffon Tarts and it said to use 4 passion fruit.—(Mrs. E. B., Enderby, B.C.)

Answer: Passion fruit is a melon like fruit that forms on the passion plant (according to my encyclopedia). It only grows in tropic regions as far as I know. How about substituting some other melon fruit such as pumpkin or squash or marrow in this recipe?

you make sugar starch stiff enough for crochet baskets, etc. (I have mislaid this lady's name but I know I neglected to reply.)

Answer: Boil one-half cup with one-fourth cup sugar water two to three minutes. When cool enough, dip dry crochet in it, saturate the article well and shake out. Shape over mould keeping hands wet while working. It will take two days to dry.

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With the uprising grain in the fields we feel more and more a sense of contentment and fulfilment. Hour after hour of the bright warm July day there is a soft rustling of wind-stirred ripening stalks — a low murmuring music in the wheat field. It is truly the pleasant hey-day of summer, in which a scrap of semi-leisure may be snatched for a day at the lake or beach or local sports.

July, too, has its risks. When it is hot the fields and gardens begin to look parched and shrivelled and a timely shower is salvation. But when a heavy



cloud rolls up there is the fear that it holds damage and destruction, for July is the hail month. If, however, Nature handed out her quotas in favorable rotation, life would be too easy for us hard-pressed farmers, and then we would become self-satisfied, characterless, and even snobbish. Incidentally, a man from the city, with an observant eye asserts that farmers as a class are too deliberate and slow-moving. For instance, a man from the hurly-burly would grab the milk-pails and set off in a hurry to the chores with an air of determination

and purposeful step. Whereas a farmer stands a moment, picks up the handles casually and swinging them easily, steps out the door, whistling his own wellworn tune, taking his time to

the barn.

There is a sad note to record on these brightest days of the year. Birdland is full of trouble. Bird parents are made frantic by the insatiable demands and precarious helplessness of their offspring. Like all young things they sleep when well-filled, but when awake their mouths are wide open, squawking incessantly for food.

With twilight comes a hush among the little creatures of the out-doors. The fledgings are quiet, and it is to be hoped, satisfied. Occasionally there is a twitter from a nest with an answering chirp from next door. The heat of the sun is still warm on the ground. Grass distils its evening dew, cool to the touch. For a while green prairie and grey sky meet at the edge of the horizon, then they merge in darkness. Silently the moon starts on her eternal journey, the mirror of departed light. It is the golden hour, neither day nor night, but a very special period in between, serene and beautiful, no time more so than on an enchanted evening in July.



Summer Desserts

By LOUISE PRICE BELL

GINGERBREAD A LA MODE

- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1/3 cup evaporated milk diluted with 2/3 cup water
 - 1 package vanillin freezing mix Gingerbread squares (use your favorite recipe or a packaged gingerbread mix)

Chill evaporated milk overnight. Whip I cup until stiff. Add contents of package of vanillin freezing mix to evaporated milk diluted with water. Beat with rotary beater until dis-solved. Fold in whipped evaporated milk. Pour into freezing tray. Freeze until firm. Remove from tray to Break up with fork. Beat with hand beater until fluffy. Return mixture to freezing tray. Freeze until firm but not too hard. When ready to serve, cut gingerbread in serving pieces. Split in half, and fill with a generous portion of frozen dessert. Top with frozen dessert and garnish with Orange Marmalade Sauce if desired.

Orange Marmalade Sauce: Combine 3/4 cup orange marmalade and 1/4 cup boiling water in a sauce pan. Boil for 3 minutes.

PEANUT BUTTER SWIRL

- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1/3 cup evaporated milk diluted with 2/3 cup water
 - 1 package vanillin freezing mlx Peanut Butter Sauce*

Chill evaporated milk 24 hours. Whip 1 cup until stiff. Add contents of package of vanillin freezing mix diluted with water. Beat with rotary beater until dissolved. Fold in whipped evaporated milk. Pour into freezing tray. Freeze until firm. Remove from tray to bowl. Break up with fork. Beat with hand beater until fluffy. Spread Peanut Butter Sauce evenly over top of frozen dessert. With tablespoon, swirl under and through frozen dessert to make marbleized effect. Freeze until firm. Serve with chocolate sauce.

*Peanut Butter Sauce: Combine 1/3 cup peanut butter, 2 tablespoons honey, 1/3 cup water, ¼ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon vanilla and blend well

PEPPERMINT STICK DELIGHT

- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1/3 cup evaporated milk diluted with 2/3 cup water
- -1 package vanillin freezing mix
- 1/4 cup finely chopped peppermint stick candy

Chill evaporated milk 24 hours. Whip 1 cup until stiff. Add contents of package of vanillin freezing mix to evaporated milk diluted with water. Beat with rotary beater until dissolved. Fold in whipped evaporated milk. Pour into freezing tray. Freeze until firm. Remove from tray to bowl. Break up with fork. Beat with electric or hand beater until fluffy. Fold in chopped peppermint stick. Return to freezing tray. Freeze until firm but not too hard. For variety, fill cream puff shells with frozen dessert and top with chocolate sauce.

Luscious! Of all the good things to eat there is nothing that prompts so many compliments as ice cream! Seldom, too, does a cool milk drink go by without a word of praise. So here is the way to assure double enjoyment from your party menu—especially if it is served buffet style.

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GINGER FLIP

(30 servings)

- 2 quarts milk
- 2 packages vanilla rennet powder
- 2 quarts gingerale
- 1 quart chocolate ice cream

Add vanilla rennet powder to milk. Beat with rotary beater or shake in milk shaker or fruit jar until dissolved. To make more readily digestible, let stand 15 minutes before serving. Add chilled gingerale. Pour into punch bowl and add generous scoops of chocolate ice cream.

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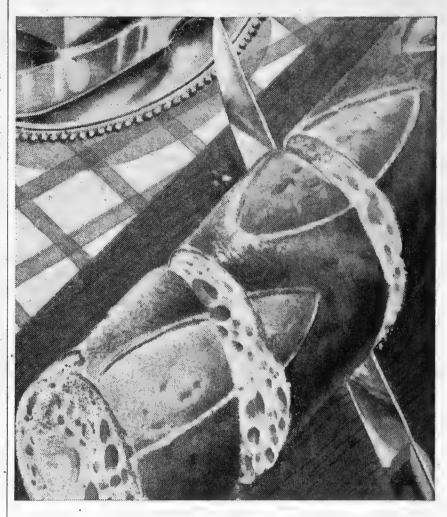
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-FRENCH BREAD

(makes 3 loaves)

Scald

⅓ cup milk

% cup water

1 tablespoon granulated sugar 2 teaspoons salt

2 tablespoons shortening

Remove from heat and cool to lukewarm;

Meanwhile, measure into a large bowl

I teaspoon granulated sugar and stir until sugar is dissolved, Sprinkle with contents of

1 envelope Fleischmann's Royal Fast Rising Dry Yeast

Let stand 10 minutes, THEN stir well; stir in lukewarm milk mixture. Measure into a large mixing bowl

4½ cups once-sifted bread flour

Make a well in the centre and add liquids all at once. Mix thoroughly, then knead slightly in the bowl. Cover with a damp cloth and set in a warm place, free from draught; let rise until doubled in bulk. Punch down dough, cover with damp cloth and again let rise until doubled in bulk. Turn out on lightly-floured board and divide into 3 equal portions, Knead each piece lightly and shape into a slim loaf

about 12 inches long. Place, well apart, on greased cookie sheets and with a pair of scissors, cut diagonal slashes in top of loaves, about 1½ inches apart. Let rise, uncovered, until doubled in bulk. Bake in a hot oven, 400°, for 15 minutes, then reduce oven heat to 350°, bake 15 minutes, brush with a mixture of 1 slightly-beaten egg white and 2 tablespoons water and bake until loaves are cooked—about 20 minutes longer. Cool bread in a draught, by an open window.



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Sir Clifford Sifton and immigration

To the Editor:

I was tremendously impressed by that Editorial in the May issue in which there are a series of appropriately frank and incisive references to the gas pipeline debate in the House of Commons. Without reservation I agree with your conclusion that "this whole question could be completely clarified for everyone if we could get a re-surgence of the type of idealism that, 40 years ago, saved the power sites on the St. Lawrence for Canada"; and that "Instead of being motivated by a vision of a country that can become great and prosperous, like Sir Clifford Sifton was, too many of our leaders today have their eyes glued to immediate advantage ..."

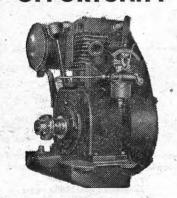
Well said, Mr. Editor, and I suggest it is interesting to ponwhat Sir Clifford Sifton would have thought of today's timorous and Janus-like immigration policy; the beaming of Alberta's stream of "black gold" at a U.S. rather than a Canadian lakehead port; the calculated strangulation of the Hudson Bay Railway by the collective denial of inbound cargoes; to mention merely three basic problems, which merit the attention of Canadians generally

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but particularly at the executive kind, in the name of commonor national policy level?

Finally, and along another thought stream, I am glad that in your judgment "The initial wheat price of \$1.40 is just about perfect", because I had earlier arrived at the opinion that it was a bit too conservative. However, this reader is willing to go down the line with Farm and Ranch Review on this appeal to the primary producers: "It is their board. There is one certain way to destroy it once and for all time. That is to intimidate it into setting a price that will result in forcing the taxpayers of the country to make up a whopping deficit. Woefully outnumbered as we are in Parliment, that will happen just once and the Wheat Board will be thoroughly discredited. If it happens that the Board is able to sell all of our 1950 crop at a price well above the \$1.40 figure, the farmers will get the net return from the crop. Surely it is far better to wait a few months for the final payment, than it is to bring the whole structure into danger by insisting upon an initial pay-ment that is imprudently high".

The lack of a question mark (?) in that final note pleased me; because logic will stand its ground, and those unfriendly to the organized growers are definitely behind the 8-ball.

W. P. D.

Toronto, Ontario.

What is a locust?

To the Editor:

Re that article by Paul Huxley, "History's Most Ancient Nuisance, the Five-eyed, Longhorn Hopper"! I take exception to that part in which he refers to "John the Baptist" living on a diet of locusts (Cicada).

Quote: "Its periodical visitations in large swarms, in Biblical times, were regarded as plagues, and in some backward countries the destruction caused was so severe that the unfortunate inhabitants were obliged, like John the Baptist of old, to eat the locust," unquote. (I take it he is referring to the Cicada or grasshopper.)

Sir, there never was a human being that ever lived on a diet of locusts (Cicada). The famine in China today is a point in fact. We are told that millions of human beings are starving there and that thousands are dying daily from starvation; yet never in the history of the human race has there been a greater plague of locusts than in those famine parts of China than there is today. If the locust (Cicada) is a food fit for man-

sense what need would there be for these Chinese to starve to death. Getting back to his reference to "John the Baptist," we read in St. Mark's gospel, chapter 1, and part of the sixth verse: "And he did eat locusts and wild honey." The locust mentioned here is a tree fruit and has no connection whatsoever with the winged insect of the Cicada species.

I have a vivid recollection as a young lad of eleven years (that's 60 odd years ago), going down to the docks at Glasgow, Scotland, to watch, with great interest, the large ships being unloaded. I have seen huge cargos of this dried fruit, known

"I Saw . . ."

Our old cat had her kittens in the barn, and she picked a box that the hen was laying her eggs in. I began to wonder how did the hen still lay her eggs there, so one day I watched. The hen made the cat get out while she took over, and I could see the kittens partly peeping out under the hen.

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to the trade as St. John's Bread, which was chiefly sold to the Scottish farmers to be crushed for cattle feed. This dried fruit was shipped in large bags, and, as was often the case, when a bag was torn or burst and scattered on the dock, us young lads picked it up and had many a good feed of these Biblical locusts. I never saw the ripe fruit, but I haven't the slightest doubt as to its fitness as a food.

The dried fruit is brown in color, oval in shape, and from 4 to 6 inches long and is flat, being about %" thick and across the center its about 1" to 11/2". It can be purchased from any first-class fruit store. I have purchased it myself in Winnipeg, and is known to the trade here as St. John's Bread.

Personally, I can think of several ways of committing suicide and far less nauseous than by eating Cicada.

By the way, the eating of grasshopers, etc., etc., in no way violates the covenant as con-tained in the Law of Moses. If your readers care to read it, see Leviticus, chapter XI, verse 21.

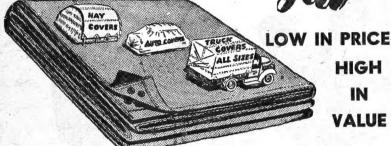
It seems to me, the teachers of the Christian church have been remiss in there duty, when poor old John is accused of something he didn't commit.

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Rathwell, Man.

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Blanket criticism

To the Editor:

Your Editorial, page 5, May issue re \$1.40 for 1950 wheat crop. You blandly advocate this price and think that us farmers should take a 60c drop (it was supposed to be \$2.00 for 1949 crop you know), but I bet you a nickle that you don't advocate a like percentage decrease in the price of your advertising space. That would hit YOU, but its OK for the farmer. Of course we will get the benefit of any sales above this price-if we are lucky. But we really know where we are at.

On the next page you wax sarcastic about margarine and the 6-cent drop the farmers had to take on butter, but of course a 60c drop in wheat is perfectly OK. Again on page 21 you print an article from the Wheat Pool Budget about freight rates and what a hardship any increase in freight rates is going to play on western farmers. I'll trade a 5c per bushel increase in the cost of shipping wheat to the Pacific coast any time for a discontinuance of this drastic drop in the price of wheat. You, along with a lot of other publications, make a lot of political capital out of panning the C. P. R. It opened up this country and made a nation. Its greatest sin seemed to have been that it was a success. The poor C.N.R., being a governmentowned affair, can do no wrong. You fail to mention anywhere that the C.N.R. can charge what it likes on grain to the coast, that the Crows' Nest agreement does not affect them, its only a matter of competition that keeps their rates equal with the C.P.R.

The Grain Exchange at Winnipeg also comes under your hammer. Is it not possible for you to give credit anywhere where credit is due? You seem to forget (not your sin alone as it happens) that the Grain Exchange took 50 years to popularize Western Canada wheat I should add that your article on page 20, on cost to operate machinery is a very valuable one and must have taken a lot of research and I am cutting it out for future reference.

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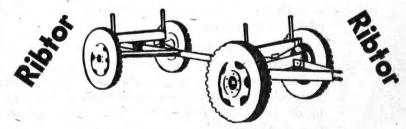
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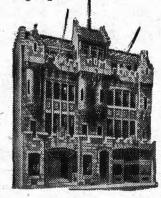
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